

# Here's some help for picking a x-mass tree

AS the holiday season approaches, please take  
some time to think about safety!

Soon it will be time to select a tree. Careful planning can  
help prevent fires and injuries.





## Christmas Trees:

**Check for freshness.** When buying a natural tree, the most important thing is freshness. The higher the moisture content the less likely it is to dry out and become a fire hazard.

- ✿ **Examine the needles.** Bend them between your fingers. They shouldn't break.
- ✿ **Tap the tree gently on a firm surface,** if many needles fall off, the tree is too dry.
- ✿ **You can't depend on the color of the tree,** many are sprayed green.

## Keep your tree fresh.

- ✿ **Cut off two inches of the trunk.**
- ✿ **Place it in a sturdy water holding stand with wide spread legs** (do not block stairs or doorways).
- ✿ **Place the tree away from heat sources** (radiators, etc).
- ✿ **Keep watering your tree.**
- ✿ **Dispose of the tree when needles begin to fall off in large quantities.**